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IN RE APPLICATION OF
CAMPBELL ET AL.
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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of July 15, 2003 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 15, 2003. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is the filing of a Continuation-In-Part application of the above-identified application.

The above-noted application is hereby expressly abandoned, as of the filing date granted to the Continuation-In-Part, provided that this petition for extension of time be approved and that the Continuation-In-Part be granted a filing date.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$950 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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